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# The right tools (all 4) for the job



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The city of Colleyville is paying Bill Marquis to restore this 19th-century log barn in McPherson Park on McDonwell School Road. "These old things will talk to you, and they'll tell you a story if you know how to listen to them," he says.

## Colleyville: Expert restores 19th-century log barn the old way

By VERONICA VILLEGAS  
 Special Contributor

Using just four basic tools, historic preservationist Bill Marquis is restoring a two-section log barn that was built on Colleyville farmland in the 19th century.

"I'm going to put this back the way it was using the same tools and the same materials they used," said Mr. Marquis, a local reconstruction expert who has worked on several projects in North Texas. "That's the only way

to make it match."

The barn restoration is funded by the city of Colleyville, which took ownership of the structure in 2005. The city had it moved from land near the intersection of John McCain and Pleasant Run roads to McPherson Park on McDonwell School Road. Officials budgeted \$116,000 for the restoration.

"There's lots of historical structures throughout Colleyville, but this is only the second that the city owns," said Monica Walsh, parks and recreation director. "It was a good opportunity for us to keep our history alive."

For the last month, Mr. Marquis has been working to reconstruct the barn's badly deteriorated shingle roof, reinforce the roof rafters and restore and replace its wooden floor.

"These old things will talk to you, and they'll tell you a story if you know how to listen to them,"

he said. "Every day I listen to it tell me something new. I can just see what went on here."

He said that's how he knows that only four tools were used to construct it — an ax, an adz, an auger and a crosscut saw.

"This log right here tells you the story," said Mr. Marquis, 61, pointing to one of wall's logs. "You can tell by looking at the marks that he used a poleax to cut the log and then an adz to flatten it."

Mr. Marquis said the barn carries special significance.

"All of this is original to the 1850s, and that's extremely rare," he said, gesturing to the 42-by-16-foot structure. "Houses, people lived in and took care of, but out-buildings weren't taken care of as well, and that's why they're almost all gone."

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The barn is held together by half dovetails and a few wooden pegs. There are no nails.

City officials said the barn is expected to be complete next month, to coincide with the opening of McPherson Park, which is being developed on the old McPherson Dairy Farm land. The log barn joins an old rock house and a metal water tower original to the farm.

A second phase planned for the park will include amenities so the site can be used as an environmental and historic education center, Ms. Walsh said.

The City Council will vote on the \$2 million second phase in early November. If approved, the design phase would begin in January with construction coming a year later.

"It will provide a great opportunity for kids to see something from back in the 1800s and give them an understanding of what life was like back then," she said. "It's going to be a great educational tool."

*Veronica Villegas is a Fort Worth freelance writer.*

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# 3 are held in theft ring

Police: Group targeted 130 houses in N. Texas, took loot to Puerto Rico

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Burglars based in Puerto Rico have visited North Texas repeatedly since July, targeting more than 130 homes before transporting the loot back to the island, police said.

Two men thought to be key operatives in the burglary ring were arrested in Plano this week after police from several local cities watched them commit three burglaries in Dallas and another at a Plano apartment, authorities said.

Police suspect Johnny Perez Medina, 33, of Dallas and Harry J. Rivera, 21, of Puerto Rico burglarized dozens of residences in Dallas, Euless, Lewisville, Irving and Plano. They took thousands of dollars in cash, electronics and jewelry back to Puerto Rico, police said.

"During our investigation, we

identified two suspects who were flying in from Puerto Rico, renting a car, getting a hotel room, committing a bunch of burglaries and then flying back to Puerto Rico with all the property," Euless police Lt. Wayne Pavlik said.

The break-ins were initially thought to be the work of burglars using "bump keys," a modern version of the old-fashioned skeleton key that can overcome the locks on almost any door. But police found only traditional lock-picking tools during Wednesday's arrests.

Mr. Medina and Mr. Rivera were being held Thursday at the Plano City Jail on one burglary charge in that city and three burglary warrants from Dallas, police said. Each suspect was being held on \$825,000 bail, police said.

A third suspect, Carla Osorio, 36, was arrested in Irving and is being held on 23 grand theft and burglary warrants from Florida, Lt. Pavlik said.

Lt. Pavlik said officials from all the involved agencies are still determining how many offenses can be linked to the suspects. Police also plan to work with federal authorities to determine whether the operation may have targeted other states, he said.

"This may not be the only area where they were committing offenses," Lt. Pavlik said. "We're going to be contacting the authorities in Puerto Rico, and we'll be going from there."

Police identified the suspects

by matching their names to rental cars spotted near the scenes of some of the crimes. Investigators discovered the men recently purchased

round-trip tickets to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and tracked them to an Irving hotel this week.

On Wednesday morning, police from Irving, Euless, Lewisville and Dallas put the men under surveillance because they did not yet have enough evidence to arrest them, authorities said.

Dozens of officers from those agencies worked together to monitor the men as they committed three burglaries in Dallas, police said. Dallas officers contacted Plano police about noon Wednesday as the men were burglarizing an apartment in the 4700 block of East 14th Street in Plano, police said.

After the arrests, police found stolen goods in the men's rental car and the Irving hotel room where Ms. Osorio was arrested in the 3900 block of West Airport Freeway. Police are returning the recovered items — including laptops, iPods and cellphones — to the rightful owners.

Police also recovered tools that quashed earlier theories about the burglars' methods.

In recent months, North Texas police agencies have been investigating a growing number of burglaries they suspected were committed with bump keys. Such keys can be inserted into a lock and tapped with a mallet to allow the lock to be turned.

"After the actual arrest and the execution of the search warrant, evidence revealed they were actually picking the lock," Lt. Pavlik said.

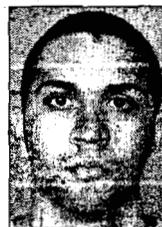
In Dallas, Deputy Chief David Elliston said the men are suspected of 31 burglaries in his north central patrol division alone. Chief Elliston said the international twist to the case is unusual. "Most of your burglars are local people that commit the burglaries," Chief Elliston said.

The suspects may also be responsible for as many as 30 burglaries in Lewisville, police Capt. Kevin Deaver said. More than \$75,000 in property was stolen from 20 Lewisville apartments during three days in September. Another rash of burglaries occurred early this month.

Staff writer Wendy Hundley contributed to this report.



Johnny Medina



Harry Rivera



Carla Osorio

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## INVESTIGATION

## Burglary ring suspect was on run from Florida officials

The three are accused of burglarizing about 40 apartments in Euless and dozens of others in the area after flying in from Puerto Rico.



H. Osorio



C. Osorio



Rivera

By DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.  
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EULESS — One of the trio accused in a Puerto Rican-based burglary ring that has plagued North Texas was on the run from Florida prison authorities for burglary convictions, police said Friday.

The three arrested Wednesday in Plano are accused of committing more than 130 apartment burglaries in Tarrant, Dallas and Collin counties since July, police said.

Hector Osorio, 40, of Puerto

Rico had been sentenced to 15 years in a Florida prison for burglary, but he never went behind bars, Euless police Lt. Wayne Pavlik said. Pavlik estimated that Osorio also had about 200 burglary arrest warrants out of Florida.

"He just fled the state before he went to prison," Pavlik said Friday.

Details of the convictions and prison sentence were unavailable Friday.

Osorio and Carla Osorio, 36, and Harry Rivera, 21, both

also of Puerto Rico, are accused of flying into North Texas four times in the past four months and

picking the locks of dozens of apartments as they cruised through neighborhoods. After staying three to eight days in the area, they flew back to Puerto Rico, police said Friday.

Hector Osorio and Rivera remained in custody Friday in the Plano Jail. Carla Osorio was in the Irving Jail. It was not known whether Hector Osorio and Carla Osorio are related.

The three face multiple burglary charges in Tarrant and Collin counties and 32 burglary charges in Dallas

County, police said. Pavlik said they are accused of burglarizing about 40 apartments in Euless.

More arrests are possible as the investigation continues, police said Friday.

A break came when an assistant apartment manager in Irving noticed two suspicious men in July and wrote down the license number of their rental car, police said.

Euless Detective S.L. Peterson, along with Lewisville and Irving investigators, tracked down leads on the group and learned they were back in North Texas this week.

On Tuesday, about 30 officers began an undercover surveillance of the group at an Irving hotel. On Wednesday, Rivera and Hector Osorio drove around the area and burglarized eight apartments in Dallas, Murphy and Plano while police watched, officials said. The men were arrested as they returned to their car after a burglary at a Plano apartment complex, officials said.

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## OBITUARIES

Carl K. Tyson

CARL TYSON | 1940-2007

CPA served for 12 years  
on Euless City Council**Mr. Tyson, a Fort Worth native and TCU alumnus, volunteered for the city of Euless for more than three decades.**By JESSICA DeLEÓN  
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EULESS — Carl Tyson always knew the numbers.

The certified public accountant took a large bag to Euless City Council meetings, where he was a member from 1995 to 2007.



Tyson

"It seemed like he had the minutes and budgets from the beginning of time," City Manager Gary McKamie said. "He could always pull out something from the past to refer to." Mr. Tyson, 67, died of cancer Saturday. He was born in Fort Worth, earned an accounting degree from Texas Christian University and was controller for Solar Turbines before starting an accounting firm in Euless.

He belonged to First Baptist Church of Euless, the Fort Worth Chapter of CPAs and the Rotary Club of Hurst-Euless-Bedford.

His precision was one example of how he cared for the community. He volunteered for Euless for more than 30 years, starting as a Planning and Zoning Com-

**Services****Visitation:** 6 to 8 p.m. today at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home, 5725 Colleyville Blvd.**Funeral:** 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church of Euless, 1000 Airport Freeway**Interment:** Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park

mission member in 1972. He served on numerous other committees as well.

"He was such a brilliant person and a great addition to the council," Mayor Mary Lib Saleh said. "We will all miss his kind heart."

Many believe that he lost his council seat in May because he voted against employee benefits the previous year as a way to cut taxes, creating a political firestorm.

McKamie said Mr. Tyson was a devoted Christian who cared deeply for his family. His volunteerism came from a "deep sense of care about the community," McKamie said.

Relatives declined to comment for this article.

Survivors include wife Gaynel Tyson, daughters Kay Tyson and Karen Millican and two grandchildren.

JESSICA DeLEÓN, 817-685-3932

**EULESS** — Carl K. Tyson, 67, passed away at a Bedford hospital Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, after a brief illness with cancer.**FUNERAL:** 10 a.m. Wednesday in the large chapel of First Baptist Church of Euless, 1000 Airport Freeway. Interment: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home, 5725 Colleyville Blvd.

Carl was born Aug. 7, 1940, in Fort Worth. He graduated from Texas Christian University and was a certified public accountant. He was a retired controller from Solar Turbines and current owner of a certified public accounting practice in Euless. His 35 years of service to the city of Euless included 12 years on the City Council, from 1995 to 2007. He was an active member and past president of the HEB Rotary Club. Carl enjoyed traveling to new places and had been on numerous trips. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.M. and Dorothy Tyson, and sister, Wanda Kidd.

**SURVIVORS:** Wife of 43 years, Gaynel Tyson; daughters, Kay Tyson and Karen Millican and husband, Tim; grandchildren, Tyson and Kella Millican; sister, Sue Hopewell; and mother-in-law, Inez Miser.Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home  
Colleyville, 817-498-5894View and sign guestbook at  
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**PROPERTY TAXES**

# Tax rates may not have risen, but taxes did

One of the least popular rites of fall is upon us: the mailing of property tax bills. Tax bills must be paid by Jan. 31. Most homeowners pay their taxes along with their mortgage payments. To help you better understand your taxes, the *Star-Telegram* is providing information about how to calculate your tax bill.

### Senior/disabled tax freeze

All school districts, the Tarrant County college district and some cities have frozen property taxes for senior citizens and the disabled.

The dollar amount of property taxes for those who qualify will not increase, unless they make a major improvement to their property.

Cities, counties and junior college districts have the option of enacting the freeze.

### Worth noting

- You get an exemption only on your primary residence
- You can get exemption application forms from the appraisal district in your county.
- Westlake has no property tax.

### How to reach Tarrant Appraisal District

817-284-0024 or [www.tad.org](http://www.tad.org)

### Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector

817-884-1100 or [www.tarrantcounty.com/taxweb](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/taxweb)

### Denton Central Appraisal District

940-349-3800 or [www.dentoncad.com](http://www.dentoncad.com)

### Denton County Tax Assessor-Collector

940-349-3500 or [www.tax.dentoncounty.com](http://www.tax.dentoncounty.com)

### Who pays the most, least

#### Highest combined tax rates per \$100 valuation

City	School district	Tax rate
Fort Worth	Birdville	\$2.896277
Fort Worth	Keller	\$2.848677
Fort Worth (Tarrant County)	Northwest	\$2.826327
Fort Worth	H-E-B	\$2.794988
Haltom City	Birdville	\$2.639577
Watauga	Birdville	\$2.62204
North Richland Hills	Birdville	\$2.611277
Haltom City	Keller	\$2.591977
Hurst	Birdville	\$2.576277

#### Lowest combined tax rates per \$100 valuation

City	School district	Tax rate
Westlake (Denton County)	Northwest	\$1.57094
Northlake	Northwest	\$1.86594
Roanoke	Northwest	\$1.94606
Westlake (Tarrant County)	Northwest	\$1.971327
Westlake	Keller	\$1.993677
Flower Mound	Northwest	\$2.02064
Flower Mound	Lewisville	\$2.05559
Justin	Northwest	\$2.06994
Marshall Creek	Northwest	\$2.1697
Trophy Club (MUD 1 portion)	Northwest	\$2.23145

### Exemptions

- Under state law, school districts must offer homestead exemptions of \$15,000. So if your home is valued at \$100,000, you pay school taxes on \$85,000.
- School districts also must offer \$10,000 exemptions for those over 65, and for those who are disabled.
- These exemptions are in addition to any local-option exemptions granted by school districts and by cities.
- There are exemptions for disabled veterans and for the surviving spouse or child of a disabled veteran or a member of the armed forces who was killed in active duty. The amount of the exemption ranges from \$5,000 to \$12,000 and depends on the severity of the disability.

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**How to calculate your property taxes**

**Example:** The average home value in Grapevine is \$203,924. The house is in Tarrant County and the Grapevine-Colleyville school district with a homestead exemption.

First, find the value of your home from the Tarrant Appraisal District: **\$203,924**

Then, find your taxing entities in the chart below, and the exemptions for each one. Subtract the exemptions from the home value, divide that figure by 100 and multiply by the tax rate. Finally, add the total for each taxing entity to get your total tax bill.

<b>Tarrant County</b>	
Exemption	\$0
Taxable value	\$203,924
\$203,924/100	= \$2,039.24
Tax rate	x \$0.2665
	<b>= \$543.46</b>

<b>County Hospital District</b>	
Exemption	\$0
Taxable value	\$203,924
\$203,924/100	= \$2,039.24
Tax rate	x \$0.230397
	<b>= \$469.83</b>

<b>County College District</b>	
Exemption	\$0
Taxable value	\$203,924
\$203,924/100	= \$2,039.24
Tax rate	x \$0.13938
	<b>= \$284.23</b>

<b>Grapevine</b>	
Taxable value	\$203,924
Exemption 20%	x 0.20
	= \$40,784.80
Taxable value	\$203,924
	= \$40,784.80
	= \$163,139.20
163,139.20/100	= 1,631.40
Tax rate	x \$0.3625
	<b>= \$591.38</b>

<b>Grapevine-Colleyville school district</b>	
Taxable value	\$203,924
Exemption	-\$15,000
	= \$188,924
\$188,924/100	= 1,889.24
Tax rate	x \$1.29
	<b>= \$2,437.12</b>

**Total tax bill = \$4,326.02**

**Property tax rates don't tell the whole story: Many cities that didn't increase rates are still increasing taxes.**

By **KATHERINE CROMER BROCK**  
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The city councils in Colleyville and Haltom City were the only two in Northeast Tarrant County that increased their property tax rates for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

Most area municipalities voted to keep their rates the same, and Euless and Fort Worth lowered their rates.

What taxpayers may not realize is that most of them still adopted tax increases.

Find your total tax rate and see how area cities' revenue rose. **9BB**

Thanks to growth in sales tax receipts and increasing home values, revenue for every local municipality is projected to increase this year, in some instances by tens of millions of dollars.

How high city tax rates should go and how much revenue is too much depends on a community's needs and desires, said Bob Bland, chairman of the department of public administration at the University of North Texas.

"Nobody wants to pay more taxes, and nobody wants to see the quality of our communities decline," Bland said.

Bedford, Grapevine, Haslet, Keller, North Richland Hills, Southlake and Watauga are among the cities that voted to keep their tax rates unchanged this year.

Euless dropped its rate by almost 2 cents, to 47 cents per \$100 in appraised property value. Fort Worth shaved about half a cent from its rate, though it still has the highest rate in the area at 85.5 cents.

According to a 2005 amendment to the state's tax code, cities that adopt tax rates above the "effective rate" are required to conduct public hearings and inform the public that the council is adopting a tax increase.

The effective tax rate is the rate that will generate the same amount of property tax revenue as the previous year. The 2005 amendment is a truth-in-taxation measure meant to inform residents that anytime tax revenues increase — even if the tax rate went down or stayed the same — the city is increasing taxes.

Bland said many cities hide their effective tax rates from homeowners, and boast when they leave their tax rates un-

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**Tax rates, exemptions and home values**

	2007 tax rate per \$100	Local homestead exemption	Local over-65 exemption	Local disabled exemption	Senior tax freeze	Average home value
<b>Tarrant County taxing entities</b>						
County	\$0.2665		\$50,000	\$10,000	Yes	\$143,100
County college	\$0.13938		\$50,000	\$3,000	Yes	\$153,500
Hospital district	\$0.230397		\$50,000	\$10,000	Yes	\$379,300
Water district*	\$0.02		\$50,000	\$10,000	Yes	\$137,000
Bedford	\$0.446882		\$50,000		Yes	\$115,400
Colleyville	\$0.3559		\$65,000	\$65,000	Yes	\$203,900
Euless	\$0.47	20%	\$35,000		Yes	\$86,300
Fort Worth	\$0.855	20%	\$40,000	\$40,000	Yes	\$215,100
Grapevine	\$0.3625	20%	\$60,000	\$10,000	Yes	\$134,600
Haltom City	\$0.5983	10%	\$50,000	\$40,000	Yes	\$251,800
Haslet	\$0.290311	20%	\$50,000		Yes	\$144,300
Hurst	\$0.535	20%	\$35,000	\$35,000	Yes	\$97,900
Keller	\$0.43219	1%	\$40,000	\$10,000	Yes	\$451,700
North Richland Hills	\$0.57	15%	\$36,000	\$36,000	Yes	\$98,600
Richland Hills	\$0.45067		\$30,000		Yes	\$116,500
Southlake	\$0.462		\$75,000	\$75,000	Yes	\$431,100
Watauga	\$0.580763		\$40,000		Yes	\$260,200
<b>School districts</b>						
Birdville	\$1.405				Yes	\$138,900
Carroll	\$1.465		\$35,000		Yes	\$190,400
<b>Grapevine-Colleyville</b>	\$1.29		\$29,600		Yes	\$192,200
Hurst-Euless-Bedford	\$1.303711	1%	\$5,000	\$5,000	Yes	\$264,900
Keller	\$1.3574		\$10,000		Yes	\$131,800
<b>Denton County</b>						
County	\$0.23589		\$55,000	\$15,000	Yes	\$121,700
Flower Mound	\$0.4497		\$100,000	\$100,000	Yes	\$34,000
Justin	\$0.499		\$5,000		Yes	\$225,200
Roanoke	\$0.37512	20%	\$10,000	\$4,500	Yes	\$207,000
Marshall Creek	\$0.59876		\$10,000	\$10,000	Yes	\$241,400
Northlake	\$0.295		\$10,000		Yes	\$793,000
Trophy Club	\$0.43051		\$35,000		Yes	\$222,100
TCMUD 1	\$0.23		\$25,000		Yes	\$167,000
TCMUD 2	\$0.27923		\$25,000		Yes	
Westlake	\$0				Yes	
<b>School districts</b>						
Lewisville	\$1.37	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Yes	
Northwest	\$1.33505	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	Yes	

\*Only some Fort Worth homeowners in the Tarrant Regional Water District pay the tax

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changed. There should be more effort by city leaders to make sure that homeowners know exactly how they will be affected, he said.

"In the long term, our cities, our counties, our schools would be much better off," he said.

Haltom City

Haltom City's rate jumped about 3 cents per \$100 of property value, to 59.8 cents. The increase, more than 5 percent, was the largest this year in Northeast Tarrant County. In the past decade, the Haltom City tax rate has grown 28 percent.

Property taxes will bring in about \$8 million this year, said Joel Welch, the city's finance director.

The city's budget is more than \$70 million.

Welch said that Haltom City residents' average municipal tax bill is below the average for area cities and that the higher rate is needed to compete with cities that have a larger residential tax base.

The sales tax in Haltom City generates about the same amount of revenue as the property tax, not enough to sustain the community, he said.

"We have been lagging behind our competitive cities in compensation, particularly for police and fire," Welch said.

And, he said, for the city to attract new retail business, it must invest in street maintenance, drainage, water and sewer. So the tax rate continues to rise.

**Grapevine**

The needs of Haltom City are to catch up with neighboring cities. But in Grapevine, which is on the opposite end of the spectrum, residents are willing to support spending on parks and other quality-of-life projects.

"Cities can customize their services and their tax liability to the preferences of its citizens," Bland said.

"We like our individuality, yet we want to make sure that lawmakers are exercising caution."

The Grapevine City Council left the tax rate unchanged this year at 36.25 cents, which still was a tax increase.

Grapevine has decreased its tax rate by 10 percent in a decade, but city revenue is skyrocketing — an increase of 31.23 percent this year alone.

The leap from \$102.8 million in revenue in 2006 to a projected \$134.9 million this fiscal year is fueled in part by new development and money

from Grapevine Mills mall and the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center on Lake Grapevine.

Also, this is the first full year that Grapevine's 1-cent sales tax increase, approved in November 2006, will be in effect.

The increase will generate \$10 million for a crime control and prevention district, and \$10 million to fund a commuter rail system and parks projects.

"The sales tax is designated for special purposes," said Bill Gaither, Grapevine's director of administrative services.

"The council chose to leave the property tax rate the same. It will go toward things that we couldn't otherwise afford unless we raise taxes."

The new revenue from property taxes will help the city fund park projects, including new ball fields at Oak Grove Park. Grapevine will be able to pay cash, rather than issuing bonds and increasing city debt.

"People like having those improvements," Gaither said.

**Combined tax rates**

To find your total tax rate, look for the school district in which you live, then look for your city. We've combined the tax rates for your city, school district, county and any other taxing entities that hit you up for money. The tax rates are per \$100 valuation.

Birdville ISD	Tax rate	Keller ISD	Tax rate
Colleyville	\$2.397177	Colleyville	\$2.349577
Fort Worth	\$2.896277	Fort Worth	\$2.848677
Haltom City	\$2.639577	Haltom City	\$2.591977
Hurst	\$2.576277	Hurst	\$2.528677
North Richland Hills	\$2.611277	Keller	\$2.425867
Richland Hills	\$2.491947	North Richland Hills	\$2.563677
Watauga	\$2.622204	Southlake	\$2.455677
<b>Carroll ISD</b>		Watauga	\$2.57444
Grapevine	\$2.46377	Westlake	\$1.993677
Southlake	\$2.563277	<b>Northwest ISD</b>	
<b>Grapevine-Colleyville ISD</b>		Fort Worth (Tarrant)	\$2.826327
Colleyville	\$2.282177	Fort Worth (Denton)	\$2.42594
Euless	\$2.396277	Flower Mound	\$2.02064
Grapevine	\$2.288777	Haslet	\$2.261638
Hurst	\$2.461277	Justin	\$2.06994
Keller	\$2.358467	Marshall Creek	\$2.1697
Southlake	\$2.388277	Northlake	\$1.86594
<b>Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD</b>		Roanoke	\$1.94606
Bedford	\$2.38687	Southlake	\$2.433327
Colleyville	\$2.295888	Trophy Club (MUD 1)	\$2.23145
Euless	\$2.409988	Trophy Club (MUD 2)	\$2.28068
Fort Worth	\$2.794988	Westlake (Tarrant)	\$1.971327
Hurst	\$2.474988	Westlake (Denton)	\$1.57094
North Richland Hills	\$2.509988	<b>Lewisville ISD</b>	
		Flower Mound	\$2.05559

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### City revenues

A comparison of city revenues, in millions of dollars, that were approved for fiscal 2006 and 2007 during each city's budget approval process.

City	2007 revenue	2006 revenue	Percent change
Bedford	\$53.3	\$50.3	5.96%
Colleyville	\$32.6	\$29.5	10.5%
Eules	\$102.1	\$83.8	21.8%
Grapevine	\$134.9	\$102.8	31.23%
Haltom City	\$75	\$65.4	14.68%
Hurst	\$62	\$58.8	5.44%
Keller	\$62.2	\$59	5.42%
North Richland Hills	\$91.5	\$83.4	9.71%
Richland Hills	\$10.2	\$10	2.00%
Southlake	\$71.2	\$63.1	12.84%
Watauga	\$26.3	\$25.2	4.37%

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## CONSTRUCTION

# Eules library to add space for quiet study and city's history

By JESSICA DeLEÓN

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**EULESS** — The Eules Public Library will soon have more space.

Construction will begin in December to add 1,600 square feet to the 35,000-square-foot building. The library will end up with more room for a genealogy/history section and for study areas.

The expansion is expected to be completed by the end of January, said Kyle McAdams, fleet and facilities operations administrator.

Construction will take place when the library is closed, so services should not be affected, although the installation of new carpet might affect operating hours.

The cost, about \$50,000, comes from city budget reserves.

The project will add:

■ Space to the staff offices,

where DVDs are maintained.

■ Three dedicated study cubicles and a section separated by a glass partition so patrons can escape noise. "It'll be a nice, quiet area in the library," McAdams said.

■ 500 square feet in the genealogy section to store genealogy resources and historical artifacts.

Betty Fuller, chairwoman of the Eules Historical Preservation Committee, said the library will be able to archive information about the city's founding.

The committee has compiled information about local schools, homes and other topics in 10 big binders.

"Right now, they're in my garage and on shelves," she said with a laugh. "So we really need a repository for the history books of Eules."

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## AREA BRIEFS

**Fire breaks out at Eules apartment complex**  
**EULESS** — A fire broke out in an apartment complex attic Monday night, but no injuries were reported, a fire official said. The blaze was reported shortly before 8:45 p.m. at the Del Prado Apartments in the 900 block of Del Prado Drive. Fire investigator Vernon Gilmore said the fire was contained by 9:30 p.m. An apartment resident said at least one building suffered damage in the blaze, which was under investigation Monday night. A damage estimate was not available late Monday.  
— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION

# Prepare for delays on Airport Freeway

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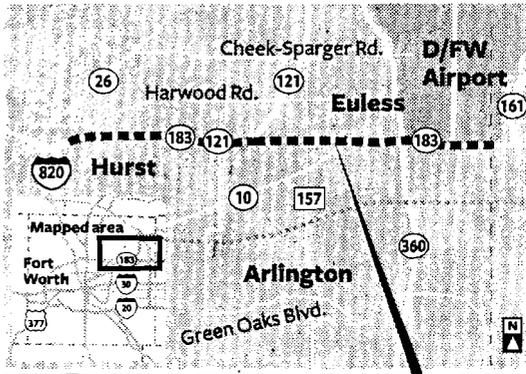
BEDFORD — If possible, avoid Airport Freeway between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays this month. The road, Texas 121/183, is being repaired through Nov. 30.

Various lanes will be closed from Northeast Loop 820 to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. On Wednesday, eastbound traffic narrowed to one lane, causing delays of 40 minutes. The Texas Department of Transportation says overpass joints are settling and buckling, creating dangerous bumps. A temporary layer of asphalt is being applied.

Why not do this at night? Asphalt can only be applied in 60-degree-plus weather.

Find out where the lane closures are each day by checking the Honkin' Mad traffic blog at [www.star-telegram.com](http://www.star-telegram.com)

## Texas 121/183 work zone



Airport Freeway is Tarrant County's busiest road, with more than 200,000 vehicles per day.

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